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Guide to the

## **Women in Black records**

1991-2011

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** Women In Black

**Title:** Women in Black records

**Date:** 1991-2011

**Size:** 4.21 linear feet (9 boxes)

**Revision History:** Additions processed by Susan M. Kline.

**Abstract:** Women in Black is a women's anti-war movement with an estimated 10,000 activists around the world. The first group (Nashim be-sha\_or) was formed by Israeli women in Jerusalem in 1988. This collection contains information about the New York City group and groups around the world.

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**Language of the Material:** English

**Processing note:** Leslie Reyman.

### **Creator History**

Women in Black is a world-wide network of women committed to peace and who are actively opposed to injustice, war, militarism, and other forms of violence. One of the key strategies is challenging the militarist policies of the governments of each member's own country while supporting other Women in Black groups around the world. Women in Black describe themselves not as an organization, but a means of communicating and a formula for action.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains material from the Women in Black group based in New York City and other groups around the world. The bulk of the files are e-mails printed from the Women in Black list-serv.

These e-mails addressed topics of interest and included information about upcoming conferences and workshops. There are reports that document events in individual countries and what those local Women in Black groups were doing to address militarism and humanitarian issues. Also included are fliers, photographs, brochures, research materials, and ephemera. Video recordings (VHS and DVD) are currently unavailable.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Anti-war Demonstrations  
Arab-Israeli conflict 1993-  
Peace movements  
Women and peace  
Women pacifists

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Electronic mailing lists  
Fliers (printed matter)  
Newsletters

### **Occupations**

Political activists

### **Names**

Nashim be-sha\_or (Organization : Israel)  
Women In Black

## Container List

### Series I: Subjects 1991-2008

This series contains emails printed from the Women In Black listserv. These emails addressed topics of interest and included information about upcoming conferences and workshops. Also included are brochures, posters, photographs and correspondence.

- b. 1 f. 1 AIPAC Conference 2005
- b. 1 f. 2 Arab women 2006
- b. 1 f. 3 Battle Dress/ Three Women in Black 1994  
New York University Grey Art Gallery.
- b. 8 f. 1 Battle Dress poster mock-up 1994
- b. 1 f. 4-5 Calendar 1994-1995
- b. 8 f. 2 Calendar 1996-2000
- b. 1 f. 6 Church Women United 2002
- b. 1 f. 7-9 Clippings 2001-2005
- b. 1 f. 10 Coalition of Women For A Just Peace 2001
- b. 1 f. 11 *Deserters From the War in Former Yugoslavia* 1994
  - b. 7 Ephemera undated
- b. 1 f. 12 From the Other Side of Prosperity: Women Speak Out 1999 March 3-4  
Conference at Sarah Lawrence College.
- b. 1 f. 13 General research files 1994-2005
- b. 1 f. 14 *I Confess...Essays by Jamina Tesanovic* 2000
- b. 1 f. 15 International Criminal Court 2005
- b. 1 f. 16 International Women's Day 2005
- b. 1 f. 17 *Jenin* 2002  
Title of a book. Jenin is the largest city in the North West Bank.
- b. 1 f. 18 Lesbian Herstory Archives 2001
  - b. 2 f. 1 Mexican Anti-War Movement undated
  - b. 2 f. 2 Lepa Mladjenovic undated
  - b. 2 f. 3 Moving Walls: A Group Photography Exhibition 2001
  - b. 2 f. 4 Muslims 2005-2006
  - b. 2 f. 5 *The New York Metropolitan Area Guide for Immigrants From the Former Yugoslav Republics* 1995
  - b. 2 f. 6 NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security Call for Candidates 2005
  - b. 2 f. 7 Noble Prize 2005
  - b. 2 f. 8 *Off Our Backs* 2001
  - b. 9 f. 1 *Off Our Backs* 2008
  - b. 2 f. 9 *Peace News* 2001
- b. 2 f. 10-12 Photographs 1992-1995
- b. 8 f. 3-10 Photographs 1992-2000  
Oversize.
- b. 8 f. 11 Placards 1991
- b. 2 f. 13 Postcards undated

Series I: Subjects (cont.)

- b. 8 f. 12-13 Posters 1991-2005
- b. 2 f. 14 *Prigovor* 1998  
 Newsletter.
- b. 2 f. 15 Project Parity Partnerships For Peace 2005
- b. 2 f. 16 Sheehan, Cindy 2005
- b. 2 f. 17 Socialist Scholars Conference 2002
- b. 2 f. 18 Story cards undated
- b. 2 f. 19 United for Peace 2002
- b. 2 f. 20 Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation 2006
- b. 9 f. 2 *WIN* 2008  
 War Resisters League magazine.
- b. 2 f. 21 World March for Women 2005
- b. 2 f. 22 *Women for Peace Anthology* 1993  
 Women in Black
- b. 2 f. 23 Art Project 2003 May-June
- b. 2 f. 24 Conference 2005
- b. 2 f. 25 History undated
- b. 2 f. 26 Meeting 2003
- b. 2 f. 27 SoHo Gallery 1996
- b. 2 f. 28 Vigils 2003
- b. 2 f. 29 Women Uniting for Peace 2000 March 8  
 International Women's Day.
- b. 2 f. 30 Women's Organization for Political Prisoners 2005

Series II: Countries 1995-2011

Copies of email sent to the WIB listserv arranged alphabetically by name of country.

- b. 3 f. 1 Afghanistan 2005
- b. 3 f. 2 Africa 2006
- b. 3 f. 3 Algeria 2008
- b. 3 f. 4 Argentina 2005
- b. 3 f. 5 Australia 2001-2006
- b. 9 f. 3 Australia 2009
- b. 3 f. 6 Austria 2004
- b. 9 f. 4 Austria 2009-2010
- b. 3 f. 7 Azerbaijan 2000
- b. 3 f. 8 Bahrain 2005
- b. 3 f. 9 Balkans 2000
- b. 3 f. 10 Belgium 2001-2006
- b. 3 f. 11 Bolivia 2005
- b. 3 f. 12 Bosnia 1999-2004
- b. 9 f. 5 Bosnia and Herzegovina 2008-2010
- b. 3 f. 13 Brazil 2004-2005
- b. 3 f. 14 Burma 2005

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- b. 3 f. 15 Canada 2006
- b. 3 f. 16 China 2005
- b. 3 f. 17 Colombia 2005
- b. 9 f. 6 Colombia 2008-2010
- b. 3 f. 18 Croatia 1993
- b. 3 f. 19 Cuba 2005-2007
- b. 3 f. 20 Cyprus 2008
- b. 9 f. 7 Cyprus 2008
- b. 3 f. 21 Denmark 1995-2006
- b. 3 f. 22-23 England 1988-2005
- b. 9 f. 8 England 2009-2010
- b. 3 f. 24 Egypt 2005-2006
- b. 3 f. 25 France 2004-2006
- b. 9 f. 9 France 2009
- b. 3 f. 26 Germany 1995-2005
- b. 3 f. 27 Grenada 2004
- b. 3 f. 28 Guatemala 2006
- b. 3 f. 29 India 2004-2005
- b. 3 f. 30 Iran 2005
- b. 9 f. 10 Iran 2009
- b. 3 f. 31 Iraq 2005-2008
- b. 3 f. 32 Ireland 2004-2006
- b. 4 f. 1-3 Israel 2001-2008
- b. 9 f. 11 Israel 2009-2010
- b. 4 f. 4 Italy 2004-2006
- b. 9 f. 12 Italy 2008-2009
- b. 4 f. 5 Japan 2005
- b. 4 f. 6 Kosovo 2006
- b. 4 f. 7 Lebanon 2006
- b. 4 f. 8 Macedonia 2005
- b. 4 f. 9 Mallorca 2006
- b. 4 f. 10 Mexico 2004-2006
- b. 4 f. 11 Middle East 2003
- b. 4 f. 12 Morocco 2006
- b. 4 f. 13 Nairobi 2006
- b. 4 f. 14 Netherlands 2006
- b. 4 f. 15 Nicaragua 2007
- b. 4 f. 16 Pakistan 2006
- b. 4 f. 17-19 Palestine 2004-2007
- b. 4 f. 20 Philippines undated
- b. 4 f. 21 Russia 2006-2008

Series II: Countries (cont.)

- b. 9 f. 13 Russia 2009
- b. 4 f. 22 Scotland 2006-2007
- b. 5 f. 1-6 Serbia and Belgrade 1995-2008
- b. 9 f. 14 Serbia and Belgrade 2009-2010
- b. 5 f. 7 Slovenia 2005
- b. 5 f. 8 South Africa 2005-2006
- b. 5 f. 9 Spain 2005-2008
- b. 9 f. 15 Spain 2008-2010
- b. 5 f. 10 Sri Lanka 2005-2006
- b. 5 f. 11 Turkey 2004
- b. 5 f. 12-13 United Kingdom 2003-2004
- United States
  - b. 5 f. 14 Arizona 2002
- b. 5 f. 15-16 California 2002-2006
  - b. 9 f. 16 California -- Bay Area Women in Black 2009-2011
- b. 6 f. 1 Colorado 2006
- b. 6 f. 2 Idaho 2003
- b. 6 f. 3 Illinois 2002
- b. 6 f. 4 Kansas 2004
- b. 6 f. 5 Louisiana 2003
- b. 6 f. 6 Maine 2002-2007
- b. 6 f. 7-8 Maryland 2002-2006
- b. 6 f. 9 Massachusetts 2003-2006
- b. 6 f. 10 Michigan 2004
- b. 6 f. 11 Minnesota 2002-2003
- b. 6 f. 12 Montana undated
- b. 6 f. 13 New Jersey 2007
- b. 6 f. 14-17 New York 1995-2007
  - b. 9 f. 17 New York -- Union Square Women in Black 2008-2011
- b. 6 f. 18-19 North Carolina 2003
- b. 6 f. 20 Oregon 2007
- b. 9 f. 18 Oregon 2009
- b. 6 f. 21 Pennsylvania 2003
- b. 6 f. 22 South Dakota 2005
- b. 6 f. 23 Tennessee 2007
- b. 6 f. 24 Texas 2005-2007
- b. 6 f. 25 Vermont 2003-2006
- b. 6 f. 26 Virginia 2003
- b. 6 f. 27 Washington, DC 2002-2003
- b. 6 f. 28-29 Washington 2005-2007
- b. 6 f. 30 Wisconsin 2006-2008

Series II: Countries (cont.)

- b. 6 f. 31 Uruguay 2007-2008
- b. 9 f. 19 Uruguay 2009
- b. 6 f. 32 Wales 2003
- b. 6 f. 33-34 Yugoslavia 1999-2003
- b. 7 **Series III: Ephemera** undated

This series contains T-shirts, buttons and the local organizations rubber stamp.